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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear letters from the churches read.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite ministering brethren to seats.
4. Call for Petitions from churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint Committees, to report during session, viz.:
 - To arrange preaching;
 - On Missions;
 - On Finance;
 - On Documents;
 - On Nominations.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules and Decorum read.
9. Call roll and mark absentees.
10. Hear reports from committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's report.
12. Hear miscellaneous resolutions.
13. Make arrangements for printing Minutes.
14. Correct Minutes, and adjourn.

MINUTES.

The PEA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with New Providence church, Coffee county, Alabama, in its *Third Annual Session*, on the first day of November, 1879.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Jesse M. Rowe, at 11 o'clock, A.M., from the 118th Psalm, 25th verse.

"O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity."

After one hour for refreshments, the body was called to order by appointing Elder M. Brooks Moderator, the former Moderator being absent. Prayer by Elder J. W. Bullard.

By request, brothers A. McGee and James Sanders read letters from the churches belonging to the Association.

Delegates' names were enrolled as follows:

WOODLAND GROVE: Jesse M. Rowe and J. J. Thames.

NEW PROVIDENCE: W. J. Spurlin and A. Windham.

NEW EBENEZER: J. A. Taylor and William Taylor.

SHILOH: M. Brooks, M. A. Helms, and A. J. Wise, Jr.

Proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Elder M. Brooks, Moderator, A. J. Wise, Jr., Clerk, and A. Windham, Treasurer.

Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body.

Called for Petitionary Letters: Received from Hebron church, by her delegates, Elder John Bradley, A. S. Head, and J. J. Bradley; Bethlehem church, Coffee county, by S. F. Latimer, A. J. Brooks, and J. F. Hendrick; Bethlehem church, Dale county, by Elder J. W. Bullard and Thomas Spigner, all of whom were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Divine Service: J. M. Rowe, M. A. Helms, and J. A. Taylor, with the delegates of New Providence church.

On Missions: J. M. Rowe, John Bradley, and A. J. Brooks.

On Finance: S. F. Latimer, A. J. Brooks, and W. J. Spurlin.

On Documents: J. W. Bullard, William Taylor, and J. J. Thames.
Called for correspondence: None received.

Returned correspondence: To NEWTON ASSOCIATION—J. W. Bullard, A. J. Wise, Jr., A. J. Brooks, J. J. Thames, and M. A. Helms.

To SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION—J. W. Bullard, J. M. Rowe, and J. W. Brooks.

On motion, it was agreed to correspond with SALEM and ZION ASSOCIATIONS. To SALEM—J. M. Rowe, John Bradley, J. J. Thames, J. W. Bullard, M. Brooks, and S. F. Latimer.

To ZION—J. M. Rowe, J. A. Taylor, and M. Brooks.

The committee on *Preaching* reports as follows: Saturday 7½ o'clock, P. M., Elder E. M. Brooks. 11 o'clock, A. M., Sabbath, Elder W. J. McBryde. Two o'clock, P. M., Elder M. Brooks. Evening 7½ o'clock, Elder J. W. Bullard.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SABBATH.

On Sabbath, the ministers preached in the order of their names to large and attentive congregations.

MONDAY MORNING, November 3d, 1879.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder E. M. Brooks.

Read the Decorum.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Report on *Missions* read and adopted. See appendix "A;—" and took individual pledges, as follows:

J. W. Bullard, - -	\$5.00		J. J. Thames, - -	\$2.50
Jesse M. Rowe, - -	5.00		M. A. Helms, - -	2.50
A. J. Wise, Jr., - -	2.50			
Due next session, - - - - -				\$17.50

Report on *Finance* read and adopted. See appendix "B."

Report on *Documents* read and adopted. See appendix "C."

Petition from New Ebenezer church withdrawn.

Treasurer's report read and adopted. See appendix "D."

Report on *Nominations* read and adopted. See appendix "E."

The Moderator appointed an Executive committee, consisting of Jno. Bradley, Jesse M. Rowe, and W. J. Spurlin.

The following resolution was offered and concurred in:

That we tender to the citizens, and most especially to the ladies, of this community, our sincere thanks for their kindness in entertaining this body during its session at this place.

On motion, the body changed its time of meeting from the First Saturday in November to the Fourth Saturday in September.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have 150 copies of the minutes printed for the use of the churches; and after paying for them, keep the balance of the funds for his services.

Minutes read and adopted.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Bethlehem church at Victoria, Coffee county, Ala., on Saturday before the Fourth Sabbath in September, 1880.

MIDDLETON BROOKS, MODERATOR.

A. J. WISE, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

MIDDLETON BROOKS, Victoria, Ala.		J. W. BULLARD, Daleville, Ala.
JESSE M. ROWE, Elba, "		JOHN BRADLEY, Victoria, "

VISITING MINISTERS.

W. J. McBRYDE, Spring Hill, Ala. | E. M. BROOKS, Brundidge, Ala.

APPENDIX.

"A."

We, your committee on *Missions*, beg leave to make the following report: We see and feel the great necessity for the spread of the gospel. We have great destitution in our bounds, and wickedness, like an avalanche, spreading all over our land. Our sons and daughters are being taken captives by the Wicked One at his will. Something must be done: if we cannot do much, do what we can—make sacrifice. Then let every minister and layman make such and all the sacrifice he can for the spread of the gospel that souls may be saved, and the name of Christ glorified.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE M. ROWE, Ch'n

"B"

We, your committee on *Finance*, beg leave to offer the following: Amount sent up for Minutes, \$21.50. From collections on Sunday, \$9.00. All of which has been turned over to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. LATIMER, Ch'n.

"C."

Your committee on *Documents* beg leave to offer the following report: We find nothing claiming the attention of this body, excepting two petitions for the next session of this Association to be held at their churches—New Ebenezer and Bethlehem, Coffee county.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BULLARD, Ch'n.

"D."

The Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

For Minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$21.50
Collected on Sabbath,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.00

Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30.50

Respectfully submitted,

A. WINDHAM, Treasurer.

"E."

We, your committee on *Nominations*, make the following report: To preach the Introductory sermon at the next session: Elder J. W. Bullard; his alternate Elder John Bradley.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SPURLIN, Ch'n.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Exp....	Rec'd by Letter...	Restored.....	Dis'd by Letter...	Excluded.....	Dead.....	Present Number..	Contributions.....
Woodland Grove,	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	\$5 00
New Providence,	1	1	0	1	0	0	17	5.00
New Ebenezer,	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	4.00
Shiloh,	0	2	0	2	1	1	28	3.00
Bethlehem, (Coffee County),	7	13	0	1	2	0	49	2.00
Bethlehem, (Dale ")							19	1.50
Hebron,	1	0	0	12	0	0	17	1.00
Total,	9	16	0	16	3	4	163	\$21.50

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.	MEE'T'G
Woodland Grove...	J. W. Bullard.	Daleville.	J. J. Thames.	Elba.....	2d Sab
Hebron.....	Jno. Bradley..	Victoria.	A. S. Head...	Henderson.	4th "
New Providence...	J. M. Rowe.:	Elba.....	A. Win ham.	Elba.....	3d "
New Ebenezer....	T. D. Caler...	"	J. A. Taylor..	"	3d "
Shiloh.....	M. Brooks...	Victoria.	A. J. Wise Jr.	"	2d "
Bethlehem, (Coffee.	Jno. Bradley..	"	S. F. Latimer.	Victoria....	1st "
Bethlehem, (Dale).	J. W. Bullard.	Daleville.	Wm. Rice....	Daleville...	

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one only true and living GOD—the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT, and these three are one.

2d. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th. We believe in man's incapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by any exertion of his own free will.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8th. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and NEVER FINALLY FALL AWAY.

9th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment.

11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

12th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except one who has been regularly called and ordained to the work by the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed by prayer.

RULE 2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all the members; he shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

RULE 3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless there is a tie in the Association, then he shall give the casting vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he shall appoint some member to fill the chair.

RULE 4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and keep the subject; and he shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the chair.

RULE 5. No member shall leave the body while on business, except by permission from the chair.

RULE 6. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body by calling for the yeas and nays.

RULE 7. All motions in order must be disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

RULE 8. A list of the names of the delegates shall be called and absences marked.

RULE 9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, and keep a regular record of all the business of the Association.

RULE 10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected before the body rise.

RULE 11. This decorum may be altered, or amended, by two-thirds of this body.



